



Executive Order No. 019-2020

## "AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO HELP MINIMIZE THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 IN CABADBARAN CITY"

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President has issued Proclamation No. 922 s. 2020 Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of the Corona Virus Disease (CoVid-19) in the country;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency would capacitate government agencies and LGUs to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measure to contain or prevent the spread of CoVid-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and to prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community;

WHEREAS, under Section 455, Article I Chapter III of the Local Government Code, the City Mayor, as Chief Executive of the City Government, shall exercise powers and perform duties and functions to promote the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JUDY C. AMANTE, City Mayor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim as follows:

SECTION 1. With the recent declaration of the Code Red alert by the national government because of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (CoVid-19), the City Government of Cabadbaran will implement the following measures to minimize the effects of the said virus.

SECTION 2. The LGU and all government agencies in the City are encouraged to minimize unnecessary mass gatherings in the City:

1. All programs and activities of the local government unit which involves mass gatherings will be re-evaluated by the City Administrator's Office to assess its importance and will be cancelled pending evaluation;
2. Mass gatherings where attenders are composed of people coming mostly from areas outside the City will be cancelled;
3. Employees of the LGU and government offices in the City are not allowed to receive groups of visitors in the office unless deemed necessary. Visitations and appointments in all offices will be limited to official transactions only;
4. Private groups, business establishments, and other offices are strongly advised to postpone non-essential mass gatherings;
5. Schools are also strongly advised to adjust their school calendar and postpone graduations or other mass gathering activities until further notice is received from the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education.

## SECTION 3. Prohibited and Highly Discouraged Activities, and Places to Avoid

### A. Prohibited Activities

- Concerts, shows and other gatherings involving at least twenty (20) participants;
- Private gatherings in government-owned venues such as, but not limited to, covered courts, gymnasiums, barangay halls, parks and other public places;
- Public or private schools activities, such as graduations, closing exercises, moving-up ceremonies, alumni homecomings, and the like;
- Religious processions or parades (on public roads or streets);





- Cockfighting in licensed cockpits;

Exempted from the prohibition are the following activities:

- Gatherings for COVID-19 related information dissemination;
- Emergency meetings authorized by the LGU;
- Final examinations of schools and achievement tests;
- Holding of sessions of the SP and Sangguniang Pambarangays;
- Any other activities that may be allowed by the City Mayor.

**B. Highly Discouraged Activities (In Private Places)**

- Gatherings involving at least twenty (20) individuals;
- Small gatherings where guests or participants are from places known to have COVID-19 infections;
- Holding fiesta celebrations, birthday parties, anniversaries, and the like.

**C. Places to Avoid or Refrain from Visiting:**

- Videoke bars;
- Swimming pools;
- Billiard halls;
- Internet cafes;
- Restaurants;
- Tourist spots;
- Any other place by a group of at least twenty (20) individuals

## SECTION 4. Hand washing and cleaning stations, and disinfection of public offices and public establishments:

1. LGU employees are instructed to clean and disinfect their personal spaces and offices, and areas that are frequently used by the public. Department heads and other heads of offices are hereby ordered to create regular disinfection protocol for their offices and submit it to the City Mayor's Office for comments and evaluation.
2. Instead of its regular flag-raising and flag-retreat ceremony, as well as regular convocation, the LGU and other government agencies in the city will conduct office-based flag ceremonies and prayers, including important announcements, and more importantly, simultaneous disinfection and cleaning of their offices until further notice.
3. Hand washing areas or sanitizers and alcohol should be made available for the public before entering and leaving government offices.
4. Everybody is advised to wash their hands often with soap and water for atleast 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing.
5. Public places where people frequently gather such as business establishments, malls, market, parks, hotels, restaurants, banks, churches and other places of worship, educational facilities, ports, terminals, airports, and other similarly described establishments is directed to provide hand washing, sanitizing, or disinfection stations and protocols in place. Managers, owners, and administrators of these facilities shall furnish the City Mayor's Office (CMO) with a copy of their established protocols within seven (7) days of the release of this EO.
6. Church and civic organizations should come out with their guidelines in the conduct of their activities for the observance of their programs or religious activities such as the coming Lenten Season, Ramadan, and/or any other religious and non-religious activities that can be dispensed with is highly encouraged. Leaders and administrators of these facilities shall furnish the City Mayor's Office (CMO) with a copy of their established protocols within seven(7) days of the release of this EO.
7. Pharmacies, stores, and other sellers of medical supplies are strongly advised to limit the sales of alcohol, disinfectants, masks, and other medical supplies per individual to avoid hoarding.

## SECTION 5. Monitoring of people and employees.

1. LGU employees, government employees, or private individuals who show flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, cold, body malaise, diarrhea, and shortness of breath shall seek immediate medical attention and should follow necessary medical protocols before reporting back to work or going out in public;
2. The LGU along with the local and national agencies (PNP, AFP, DOH, BOC, and other offices) shall establish a two-layered checkpoint for land vehicles entering the city to screen travellers, tourists and visitors coming into the city by land for possible signs and symptoms of the CoVid-19, and easier contact tracing if the need arises.





3. The LGU along with the local and national agencies (PNP, AFP, DOH, BOQ, and other offices) shall establish a protocol to screen travellers, tourists, and visitors coming into the city by the transport terminals and seaports to check for travel history in the past 14 days, possible signs and symptoms of the CoVid-19, and for easier contact tracing if the need arises.
4. The LGU along with the local and national agencies (PNP, AFP, DOH, BOQ, PPA, MARINA, PCG, and other offices) shall establish a protocol to screen travellers, tourists, and visitors coming into the city by seaports to check for travel history in the past 14 days, possible signs and symptoms of the CoVid-19, and for easier contact tracing if the need arises.

**SECTION. 6.** Despite all these precautions, let it be noted that there shall be no disruption in the delivery of basic government services in all appropriate government buildings and offices under the local government unit.

**SECTION. 7.** We also encourage the public to stop sharing wrong, false, and unverified information about the CoVid 19 virus online or on social media. The Local Government Unit will not hesitate to file appropriate charges to those individuals found to be maliciously making, sharing, and manufacturing false content online.

**SECTION. 8.** The City will adapt the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) advise for preventive actions to help stop the spread of respiratory diseases including CoVid-19, and the CDC recommendations for using the facemask:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
3. Stay home when you are sick.
4. Cover cough/sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
5. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USING A FACEMASK:


1. It is not recommended for people who are healthy to wear a facemask.
2. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of CoVid-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
3. Facemasks are also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders, issuances and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, cancelled and/or revoked.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order not otherwise affected shall remain in full force.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at the City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte.

  
JUDY C. AMANTE  
City Mayor